



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Mark F. Aceto was appointed to the bench in the spring, 1995 and immediately began his tenure as a judge in the Civil Department and served in that capacity until May 12, 1997. He has presided over a criminal calendar since leaving the Civil Department. Prior to becoming a Superior Court judge, he specialized in medical malpractice, personal injury litigation and other insurance defense work in the Arizona Attorney General's Office, beginning in 1987. By 1991 he was a unit chief of the Insurance Defense Department, where he remained until 1995. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, he worked with the Phoenix City Prosecutor's Office and the Yuma County Attorney's Office. He graduated with honors from Villanova University with a B.S. in Accounting in 1977. He also graduated with honors from Arizona State University College of Law in 1980.

Judge Aceto, in addition to his courtroom duties, has been active in both legal and community affairs. He presently serves as the Superior Court liaison to the Arizona State University College of Law externship program, which provides law students the opportunity to earn school credits working for a judge. He is a former member of the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Practice and Procedure Committee and the Horace Rumpole Inn of Court. He has presided over a number of high-profile criminal trials.

